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THE REPLY FILED 18 December 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).


4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: 27 and 28.
Claim(s) rejected: 21-24.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 25, 26, 29 and 30.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☒ Other: 892 form


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 12/18/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's ONLY arguments are follows:

lino fails to teach a patterned optical layer wherein first area segments provide a first optical retardation and second area segments provide a second optical retardation that is substantially less than the first optical retardation. The applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion, lino's layers 141/142 are color filter layers, and not optical retardation layers, as the term optical retardation is used in the art, and as it is used in both lino and the applicants' specification. As is well known in the art, optical retarders affect the polarization angle of the light passing through the retarder.

Examiner's responses to Applicants' ONLY arguments are follows:

Inno teaches a patterned optical layer wherein first area segments 141 provide a first optical retardation and second area segments opening/slit provide a second optical retardation that is substantially less than the first optical retardation (see attachment).

The cholesteric liquid crystal (CLC) selective-reflection color filter 141 acts like the OPTICAL RETARDATION LAYER or circular polarizer. Yamaoka (JP 2002311243 A) shows the CLC layer 141 having physical property of the OPTICAL RETARDATION LAYER. Sharp et al. (US 5619355 A) shows the CLC layer 141 having physical property of circular polarizer, which is also a retardation layer.

As well known in the art, the optical retarder may have many different functions relying on their locations. One of the functions is affecting the polarization angle of the light passing through the retarder or compensating the differences of liquid crystal alignment and polarizer axis. Another function may be circular polarization of the light passing through the retarder. Therefore, the location or function of the optical retarder needs to state in the claim to justify the property of the optical retarder. The argument of "optical retarders affect the polarization angle of the light passing through the retarder" is irrelevant since it does not state in the claim..

FIG. 2

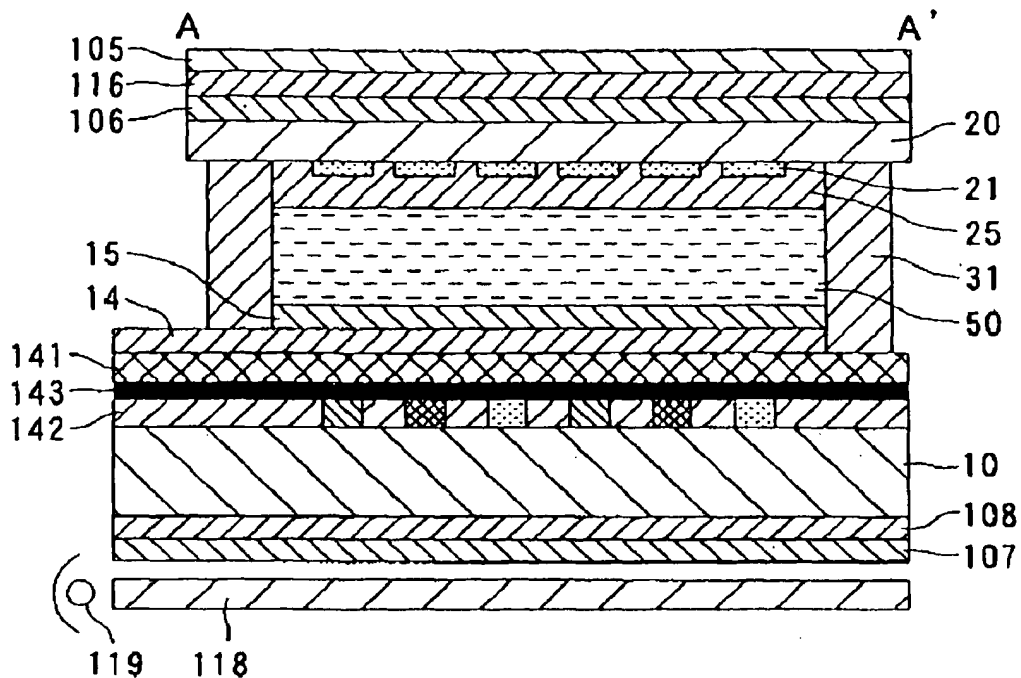


FIG. 3

